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10 December 2021

From the Principal

As we reach the end of the term, I reflect on the year that we have lived through. I think we are all looking forward to a break, some rest, some positivity and some rejuvenation.

I congratulate the staff, students and families for working together to ensure that students maintained continuity of learning through the Learning From Home period and also upon the return to school midway through this term. We have worked hard to follow guidelines from the Department of Education and NSW Health to provide a safe learning environment for all. These guidelines will continue to be updated over the coming weeks and we will provide you with this information prior to the return to school in 2022.

This term we were able to acknowledge Remembrance Day at school. Our Year 10 leaders and history students provided a moving presentation for staff and students to listen to. Our school captains, Alivia B and Cameron A represented the school at a Remembrance Day Ceremony at Club Rivers, Riverwood. Alivia and Cameron were invited to recite the Memorial to the Fallen and lay a wreath. Following the ceremony they were able to meet with club members who shared personal and family war experiences.



SRC elections have been held this term for our 2022 office bearers. I congratulate all students who have been elected to represent their year groups. It is wonderful to see so many

students nominating and I encourage those of you who have not been successful this time to try again next year but also get involved in other areas and develop your leadership skills. The successful representatives will be inducted to the SRC during the upcoming Presentation Day assemblies. A special congratulations to our School Captains for 2022 – Elektra B and Lofitu F and our Vice-Captains – Amelia S and Gordon W. They are excellent role models and I am confident they will represent the student body with pride and will be wonderful ambassadors for the school.



I had the pleasure of attending the Year 10 Formal this week. What a wonderful evening for the students to celebrate their time at GRC Peakhurst and for staff to share in the celebrations with them. I would like to express my congratulations and sincere gratitude to Mrs Tzoumas, who worked tirelessly to plan and organize for the event to be held on site and so the students did not miss out. This was an enormous undertaking to manage an event of this scale. On Friday 10 December, we will be celebrating the achievements of Year 10 at their Graduation Assembly. I wish them all the very best as they leave

GRC Peakhurst Campus and begin the next chapter of their lives.

The Deadly Kids Awards are held annually to celebrate and acknowledge the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Metropolitan South, Sydney. I am happy to announce that Jack M of Year 10 was an award winner, celebrating his leadership and contributions to the GRC Peakhurst community. Congratulations Jack!



This week, Mr Mark Coure MP member for Oatley visited our school to present a kind donation for the TAS faculty. This donation will go towards the purchase of a portable workstation and tool storage. Special thanks goes to Anissa Kapadia, our P&C Vice-President for her work in applying and securing this grant.



School resumes next year for students as follows:

Tuesday 1 February 2022– Year 7 only

Wednesday 2 February 2022– all students

I would like to wish all students and their families a happy, restful and safe holiday.

Ms Diane Wilson
Principal

Deputies' Report

As the end of the year approaches, we would like to thank parents for their support of the school throughout what has been a very difficult year. Although we are still restricted by COVID 19 safety guidelines, we will still manage to run our annual presentations days to celebrate the successes of GRC Peakhurst Campus students. Congratulations to all students who have received acknowledgement of their demonstration of our school value 'Aiming for Excellence' throughout these events. It is always a proud moment to see so many students

succeed in such a variety of ways. Celebrating the achievements of our Year 10 students through their formal and Graduation was particularly exciting and we wish all graduating students the very best in their future endeavours.

As we are working through a range of end of year activities we are also preparing for a new school year. All students will shortly be receiving information relating to equipment requirements for 2022. 2022 equipment lists will be distributed to students of Years 7, 8 and 9 along with their Yearly Reports on Monday 13th December. Equipment Lists have been developed by the Peakhurst Campus to include all the necessary equipment (stationery, exercise books, folders etc) that will be required to start school next year.

In addition to preparing equipment for the new school year, the upcoming summer holidays also allows time to ensure that the correct uniform, inclusive of black leather school shoes is prepared for 2022. The link below takes you to our school website where you can find details on our school uniform, sports uniform (available from Lowes at Hurstville and Roselands) and what shoes constitute correct school shoes. Uniforms can also be purchased from our second hand clothing pool which operates each Wednesday morning. They rely on parents donating uniforms that their children have outgrown to maintain stock. All money raised by the uniform pool is donated back to the school to purchase additional resources. The P&C would appreciate further donations.

<https://peakhurst-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/uniform.html>

The 2022 school year commences on:

Tuesday 1st February - Year 7 students only

Wednesday 2nd February – Years 8, 9 and 10 students

(Please note that Friday 28th January and Monday 31st January are Staff Development/Pupil Free Days)

Students are expected to arrive at school by 8.40 on the first day. They should be in full school uniform and with the necessary equipment to begin their new academic year.

Opportunity and time to spend on devices and screens can increase as we head into the holiday break. The link below is from the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner where you can find some additional information related to managing your child's screen time.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent/staying-safe/balancing-time-online/keeping-an-eye-on-screen-time>

We wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday and look forward to working with you in 2022.

Julia Picone - Relieving Deputy Principal Year 7
Scott Wilson – Deputy Principal Year 8
Sophia Favuzzi - Deputy Principal Years 9 & 10

Year 7 Student Advisor Report

As this year is finally wrapping up, I would like to thank Year 7 for their continued dedication to their academic development and ongoing engagement with their class and teachers as we close off their first year at GRC Peakhurst.

The Semester Two reports are being finalised and I have been busy reading through each Year 7 report, identifying success, improvements and excellence that our students have achieved. Parents are encouraged to take time to sit down with their children to reflect on the semester and discuss the strategies provided to further each student's success for the New Year.

We will be having our Year 7 Presentation Day Assembly on Tuesday 14th of December (Week 10). This Assembly will be Livestreamed so Friends and Family may watch from home due to covid Restrictions. The Link to the Live Stream is as follows:

<https://www.twitch.tv/grcpeakhurst>

As the term draws to a close it is important to remember the high standard that our school values are still expected to be met. This includes showing respectful behaviour, making responsible decisions and aiming for excellence throughout all aspects of the day.

I would again, like to thank year 7 for the effort and dedication they have put towards their academic progress and wish everyone a happy, safe and relaxing Christmas break. I am looking forward to continuing to see the excellent achievements each and every person will make in 2022!

Stoyan Kostas
Year 7 Student Advisor

Year 8 Student Advisor Report

I hope you are all well and have settled back into term 4 with ease and developed some strong friendship groups. There is only a few weeks left of what has been a very different year.

As we head towards the end of term 4 and the year, it is an important time for students to reflect on their achievements and their progress towards their goals. Parents working with them and sharing ideas on how their child can reach these goals can be extremely valuable.

The changes that have occurred have been tremendous and at times difficult to keep up with and manage. It is essential students have a break in the holidays and experience some 'down time' so that they can face the challenges we face on a daily basis. A rested mind can be far more productive than a weary one.

Finally, it is my sincere wish for you all that you are able to spend time with your family and loved ones at Christmas and have a wonderful new year full of hope and love.

Remembering to always be respectful and responsible and most importantly gracious, we have all been impacted by the events of the last 20 months and it is very important we look after each other and ourselves.



If you need anything or have any concerns please reach out there are many staff at school to support you and my email is Michelle.a.seinor@det.nsw.edu.au

Michelle Seinor
Year 8 Student Advisor

Year 9 Student Advisor Report

As we come to the end of the 2021 school year I would like to say a huge congratulations to our families and Year 9 students for getting through a challenging and unexpected year. All students in year 9 showed dedication, perseverance and improvement as they worked their way through online learning and then transitioned back into school to finish off the year.

Semester two reports have now been finalised and will be handed out to all students in Week 11 on Tuesday 14th of December. The presentation day for Year 9 will also be held on the same day. The presentation will allow us to celebrate the individual students that have maintained excellent grades for this semester along with those that have overcome challenges to improve in specific subject areas. Unfortunately, parents and carers are unable to attend the presentation day assembly due to COVID guidelines, however, a livestream of the presentation will be available for viewing.

Twitch stream Link:

<https://www.twitch.tv/grcpeakhurst>

Peer support training for interested Year 9 students took place on Friday 3rd of December. Throughout the training students built leadership skills, learnt effective ways of mentoring and learnt about positive social skills. Peer support will take place term one of next year and I am very much looking forward to seeing the excellent leaders our students will make and positive role models they will be to the in-coming year 7 cohort.

It is important that students maintain their attendance and continue to attend till the end of term. Positive and respectful behaviour is also expected to be maintained and continued for all students as they will soon be the leaders and seniors of the school.

It has been a challenging yet rewarding year to have taken on the role of Year Advisor for year 9 this year. I am looking forward to continuing my role as year advisor in 2022 and further working with the students to allow them to reach their potential for their final year at Peakhurst next year.

I hope all our families and community have a safe and well deserved break over the holidays.

Stay safe and take care.

Mariam Haidar
Year 9 Student Advisor

Year 10 Student Advisor Report

Welcome to my final report as the year 10 Advisor for the graduation class of 2020 at GRC Peakhurst.

What a year it has been!

Oatley Orientation Day

This year, students were able to participate in a virtual orientation day. Students were able to virtually meet some key teachers such as Oatley's Principal and their Year Advisor. Our students participated in various activities and information sessions which will help prepare them for their future studies.

Formal

On Wednesday night 1st December, 174 students attending the year 10 formal hosted by Doltone House. The students were dressed impeccably and danced the night away. Definitely a lasting memory they will treasure. I would like to acknowledge the outstanding work and effort behind the scenes of the formal committee who worked with me to organise the event and entertainment as well as the year 10 crew students who were able to use their skills and knowledge to light up the dance floor.

Presentation Day

A day of celebration acknowledging the achievements of Year 10 and the presentation of their ROSA and other certificates.

I would like to congratulate Year 10 on their achievements throughout the last four years at our school and achieving their ROSA. They have been a pleasure to work with and I was privileged to see them grow into wonderful young adults who I am sure will achieve everything they aspire to.

I wish them well in their future. Good luck and farewell.

Fotini Tzoumas
Year 10 Student Advisor

FACULTY NEWS

HSIE

After an unprecedented start to Semester 2, we would like to thank students and parents for their continued resilience and commitment to learning during the home learning period and our return to regular schooling.

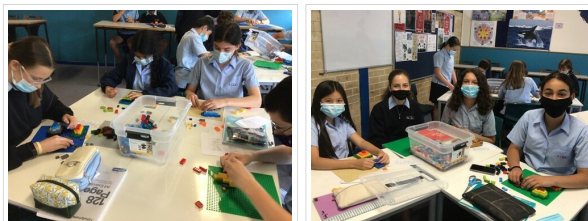
I would personally like to thank members of the HSIE department, Ms Beck, Mr Church, Ms Cvijetic, Ms Hamilton, Mr Sarandos, Ms Schenk, Ms Vlachos and Mr Vrhovac, for their ongoing dedication to teaching this semester.

Returning to school has meant that many of the practical activities that we couldn't run online have been implemented

over recent weeks. This has allowed for plenty of engaging HSIE lessons.

Year 7 learns about contour lines through Lego.

One of the geographical mapping skills that we teach in Year 7 is how to read contour lines on a topographic map. After working through an explanation activity, students were tasked with applying their new skills by using lego bricks to convert the shape and height of a hill or mountain on a map into a 3D model. Each different coloured brick represented a change in altitude.

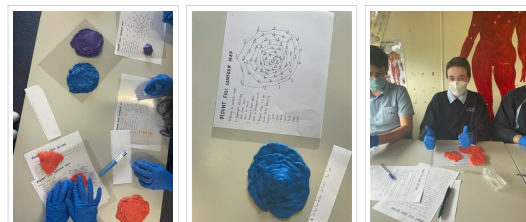


Year 7 also honed their skills in using mapping coordinates by engaging in a friendly game of Battleship!



Year 9 Uses playdoh to understand land relief and aspect.

Similar to the Year 7 lego activity, Year 9 used playdoh to further develop their topographic mapping skills by applying their understanding of land relief and aspect to build mountains from play-doh.



Year 9 History Elective

This term History Elective have been working through a thematic unit on the 'History of Medicine' from Prehistoric times to the early modern period. Below are examples of infographics on the Black Death, a devastating plague that hit Europe, Africa, Asia and the Middle East in the 14th century.



Bailey P and George F

Year 10 explores climate change.

Over the last few weeks in Year 10 Geography, students have been learning about the causes and impact of climate change. In order to gain an understanding of the greenhouse gases involved, students used different coloured lollies and toothpicks to demonstrate the structure of the gases.



Best wishes to Ms Schenk and Mr Church.

After four years of working at GRC Peakhurst, as a fundamental member of the school and the HSIE department, Ms Schenk will be teaching on a full-time basis at GRC Oatley Senior College in 2022. We thank her for her hard work and thank her for her dedication to providing all students with an education of the highest quality.

Our best wishes also goes out to Mr Church who has been successful in obtaining a permanent appointment as a HSIE teacher at Chester Hill high school.

We wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday period and look forward to another year of learning in 2022!

Hayley Diamond
HSIE Head Teacher

SPECIAL EDUCATION

It is almost the end of the school year, and I would like to acknowledge all our parents for their ongoing support during 2021, especially with the additional challenge of home learning. Thank you to the teaching and support staff who have done an amazing job providing quality learning experiences for our students and ensuring they were engaged in meaningful activities.

Just a few reminders...

Last Day of Term 4 - Thursday 16th December 2021

First Day of Term 1 - Year 7 students only – Tuesday 1st February 2022

First Day of Term 1 – Year 8-10 – Wednesday 2nd February 2022

Year 10 students who attended the Formal on Wednesday night, enjoyed themselves, dancing up a storm and having a great time.



Our students have been working hard on projects in TAS. It is exciting to see the creativity our students express through their work. Purple and Silver class have been making wooden desk organisers and Red, White and Blue class have made wooden toy cars.



During cooking, Silver and Purple class enjoyed making beef burgers and sausage rolls; the finished products were delicious! This week Red, White and Blue class made Burritos and the students enjoyed these at Recess.



Red, White and Blue class have been practicing how to draw through guided Art lessons and have achieved some wonderful results. Our students are very talented drawing a Pizzaiolo.



We are excited to see our Year 10 students graduate next week. Over the past four years we have shared wonderful memories and watched you all grow into amazing young people. Your resilience has been inspiring and we will miss your smiling faces at GRC Peakhurst. We wish you all the best going forward into 2022.

We hope you all have a safe and relaxing break and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Peta Holm
Head Teacher Special Education

PDHPE

Sports Awards

Congratulations to all the students who were successful in receiving sporting awards at our end of year presentations. It was great to be able to acknowledge the fantastic achievements of students from earlier on in the year, prior to the learning from home period.

Happy Holidays!

As we near the end of the 2021 academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all students on their achievements throughout what has been a different and challenging year. We look forward to resuming next year with a full sporting calendar that is reflective of previous years gone by. We hope to welcome back our annual PASS camp, surfing excursion and various gala days which are all much loved events that students look forward to on the calendar each and every year. On behalf of the PDHPE faculty, I would like to wish all students and their families a safe, restful and enjoyable holiday period.

Aaron Morley
Relieving Head Teacher PDHPE

Student Representative Council

As we returned to school, the SRC have been busy supporting their peers and fostering a positive school community, where student voices are heard.

School Captaincy Panel and SRC 2022

We recently congratulated our Year 10 2022 SRC Leadership team, who will join us on the first day of school with Year 7. The following students will be formally acknowledged and inducted into the SRC at Formal Assembly early next year, along with the rest of our 2022 SRC team.

Year 10 SRC 2022

Elektra B
Lofitu F
Amelia S
Gordon W
Caitlin J
Nicholas J
Ben M
Fatima R
Sebastian S

During week 5, we commenced our School Captaincy Election process. Seven students from the SRC underwent a rigorous interview process, where they outlined their leadership experience, as well as their goals to improve our school's community for 2022. These seven students also presented speeches to their peers over Zoom and captivated their audiences with their excellent presentations.

I would like to congratulate our successful applicants, whose leadership will maintain the positive learning environment for all students in our school. The following students will be officially acknowledged when the investiture of the School Captains and School Vice-Captains takes place on Friday 14th December.

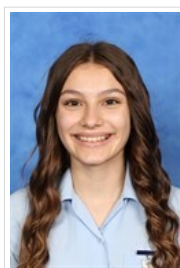
School Vice-Captains 2022

Amelia S
Gordon W

School Captains 2022

Elektra B
Lofitu F

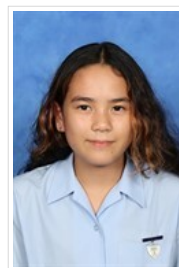
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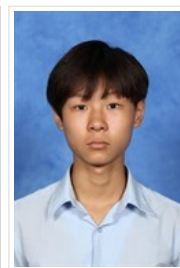
Elektra B



Lofitu F



Amelia S



Gordon W

An introduction to our 2022 School Captains and Vice – Captains

Elektra B

Hello, my name is Elektra, and I am the newly elected female School Captain for 2022. My goal as School Captain is to ensure school is a positive and comfortable learning space for everyone. I will achieve this by adding new seating around the school with shelter which will make sure students have seats to enjoy their lunch and be protected from the harsh sun. If you have any other ideas in mind to help ensure the school is a positive and comfortable learning space, please let me know as I will take them on board. To me, a leader is someone who has the capability to lead people through thick and thin, no matter the circumstances. I will strive to be one of those people during my time as your School Captain. Remember, I am a friendly face that any of you can talk to if you are struggling, so please reach out to me. Thank you.

Lofitu F

Hello, my name is Lofitu, and I am your male School Captain for 2022. As School Captain, I look forward to working together with my fellow peers and teachers to create a positive and comfortable environment for all students. I intend on bringing in student ideas and concerns to guide me in fulfilling the needs of our school community. This may be adding more Wellbeing Wednesdays as it gives students a break from the workload, bringing in more cold-water dispensers as they are convenient and better than the bubblers, and adding more seating areas for students. If there are any concerns that you would like to discuss, I would be happy to speak with you and bring it into our meetings. Thank you.

Amelia S

I'd like to thank everyone for the generous amount of support and encouragement, as well as introduce myself as one of the newly elected leaders for 2022. Hello, my name is Amelia, and I will be taking the place as Vice-Captain here at GRC Peakhurst. In 2022 I pledge to be a leader who is approachable and will use my voice to speak up about the opinions and ideas of my fellow peers and teachers. I also intend to work towards a goal throughout the year with the help of our strong SRC team in order to improve the school further for the comfort of those who attend here. Thank you to those who are hearing me out, and I look forward to what the next year brings!

Gordon W

Hello, my name is Gordon, some of you may know me as your 2022 Vice-Captain, and as your Vice-Captain I vow to bring up

and resolve issues on behalf of the students and staff. I promise to be a favourable leader for everyone and someone you can rely on. I plan to work towards initiatives to further benefit our school as a whole and use my voice to project student opinions and needs. Thank you to everyone for joining and supporting me in my leadership and I hope to see you all do well next year.

Remembrance Day 2021

On the 11th of November, we had the opportunity to represent GRC Peakhurst by attending the Remembrance Day ceremony held at Club Rivers Riverwood. The purpose of this event was to commemorate the actions of our fallen soldiers and to remember those who have fought for our country. During this ceremony, we laid our own Wreath of Remembrance for the display and read the poem, 'Memorial to the Fallen'.

The poem was as follows; 'They went with songs to the battle, they were young, straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow. They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted; they fell with their faces to the foe. They mingle not with their laughing comrades again, they sit no more at familiar tables at home. They have no lot in our labour of the daytime. They sleep beyond Australia's shore'.

This was a beautiful way for us to personally pay tribute to the brave soldiers who fought for our country. A morning tea followed, and we got to interact with some other members and leaders in the community. Overall, it was an honour to be part of this event and to pay our respects on behalf of not only ourselves, but the school as well.



Cameron A and Alivia B representing GRC Peakhurst at the Remembrance Day ceremony

Miss Rossenrode
SRC Coordinator

TAS

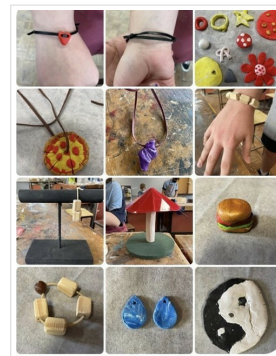
"Don't count the days; make the days count." - Muhammad Ali

Every day this term TAS has been productive with students busily working on practical tasks to complete projects they designed and planned during learning from home.

It has been nonstop in Year 7 and 8 Technology Mandatory. The food classes prepared the recipes they missed out whilst learning from home while the textile students sewed their cushions. The coding students programmed Arduinos while the timber students constructed their lamps and toys. The BWR Support also constructed wooden toys while the SP class made desk organisers.



In Stage 5 Design and Technology, Year 9 have designed and produced jewellery and then constructed jewellery stands while Year 10 have been decorating pots with aboriginal designs for their balcony garden unit.



Year 10 Food cooked some "retro" traditional Aussie favourites. They made their own short crust pastry for Cornish pasties and learnt how to roll a Swiss Roll.

Year 10 Graphics Technology students got to see their designs go from concept to a product. During learning from home, they were asked to create a notepad cover they would personally buy for themselves. Once they had met all the design requirements, they submitted their designs for professional printing. As a result, they received a professional printed notebook for their efforts. The results were impressive and now students have a notebook they could use in Year 11!



Year 10 Graphics had their designs professionally printed as notebooks.

The TAS faculty wishes our students and their families a relaxing break over the school holidays, and we look forward to a bright 2022.

TAS post lockdown.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3SEQ-bg48yQ>

Rosalie Gualtieri
Head Teacher TAS

Aboriginal Education

Careers

GRC Peakhurst Careers Lessons Information for Year 10 will remain accessible from Google Classroom for Careers

Year 10 GRC students will continue to be able to access the careers information stored in Google Classroom, over 2022 and 2023, if they so wish to do so.

Students can revise their lessons located in their Google Classroom for careers by going to:

Google Classroom - Classwork - Assignment – searching the Careers Lesson by number or by Term and Week delivery.

More information related to careers can be found at the GRC Peakhurst careers website.

This useful careers information is located at the following link:

<https://www.grcpeakhurstcareers.com/>

All students need to register to access information on the website. To register as a GRC Peakhurst student firstly go to FOR STUDENTS -> STUDENT'S SECURE AREA -> REGISTER. Please keep these details in a safe place. YOUR EMAIL is your USERNAME and remember the PASSWORD (Write it down somewhere safe so that you can refer to it).

Parents would benefit from exploring the website in order to better support their child while doing their senior studies.

Ms Arfanis takes this opportunity to wish every Year 10 student all the best in their future whether it be going onto senior studies at GRC, Oatley or entering the workforce or undertaking an alternative course at TAFE or private college. Ms Arfanis was proud of the 2021 Year 10 cohort. There has been a great deal of curiosity, open-mindedness, grit and resilience, throughout the year, including Term 3 lockdown whilst online only, and in many cases, so many students engaging well with careers lessons throughout the year. This was the very first year a careers program has been delivered at GRC, Peakhurst and the students displayed a pure love of learning about careers information along the way, and their efforts will, I hope, set them up to flourish in the future.

A special mention must also go to two students, Mark T and Ali Y, who did not miss one careers lesson and undertook every careers task requested of them, with accuracy, passion and enthusiasm.



Subject Selection Preparation for Year 10 students was finalised with virtual GRC Oatley Senior Campus Orientation Day via a zoom meeting in Term 4, Week 8 between the student and Oatley college executive team and teachers. All in all, the process ran fairly smoothly.

Important TVET Information - 2021 EVET for Year 10 students attending Hospitality at Loftus Tafe

The following students were notified that they are being given the opportunity to complete their Externally delivered Vocational Education and Training (EVET) Stage 5 Hospitality course with TAFE NSW, to complete a Certificate 1 qualification.

They are:

- Tiana M, Ronald F and Natasha P in Hospitality at Loftus.

Tiana M, Ronald F and Natasha P will get the opportunity to complete the Certificate I in Hospitality at the end of January 2022, during the holiday break.

Specific details follow:

- Date: **Monday 24 January 2022 - Friday 28 January 2022** (campus closed Wednesday 26 January due to public holiday) all 4 days must be attended in order to complete required work.
- Time: 9.00am – 3.30pm
- Meeting place: Kitchen 1
- Bring all food and drink, as the canteen will be closed.
- Wear suitable clothing, closed in shoes.
- Bring any Personal Protective Equipment previously required/ allocated to you by TAFE NSW and notebook and pen.

The student will need to:

- Wear a mask, including in class. There are lawful reasons for not wearing a mask. If you have a lawful reason, you should carry documentation, such as a medical certificate, letter from a health practitioner or disability support agency, or a statutory declaration
- Check-in using the Service NSW QR codes displayed
- Socially distance and practise good hand hygiene
- Refrain from congregating in common areas of the campus, including in car parks, libraries or around outdoor seating

- Only stay on campus while attending class and/or accessing technology. This is so we can manage the capacity and safety on our sites, at the current time
- If you are unwell, please stay at home.

For further information, please view TAFE NSW website for COVID-19 Information for students, or contact Nicole Lindsay at Loftus Tafe.



Ronald F

2021 EVET remains on hold for Year 10 students attending Automotive at Ultimo Tafe

The following students will be notified in 2022 if they are to be given the opportunity to continue their Externally delivered Vocational Education and Training (EVET) Stage 5 Automotive course with TAFE NSW, because they were to continue to work towards a Certificate 1 qualification.

They are:

- Marcus C, Charlie A, Donald L, Luka D and Jordan M.

2021 TAFE Taster Courses were cancelled for Year 10 students for Term 3 and Term 4

The students who applied for the 2021 TAFE Taster Courses for Term 3 or 4 were unable to attend this year to undertake these courses due to the Covid-19 situation.

School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship (SBAT)

Students who are thinking of undertaking an SBAT while they undertake the HSC, next year, should start to seek out employers to work with for this opportunity, throughout the holiday period as an SBAT can be signed up the latest midway through Term 2 of 2022.

If YOU are in Year 10 and would like to learn more about an SBAT for 2022 and 2023, please speak to Ms Arfanis and we can seek out an appropriate host employer. Known employers who are keen to take on students for SBATs include:

- McDonalds for Retail Services
- KFC for Retail Services
- City Beach for Retail Services
- Airport Retail Enterprises (ARE) for Hospitality (Food & Beverage)
- LEA Group or BlueFit at Hurstville Aquatic Centre or Angelo Anestis Aquatic Centre for Fitness

- Lugarno Gourmet Meats for butchery
- Automotive:

MIGAS Apprenticeships and Traineeships Availability

MIGAS specialises in skilled and traditional trade apprenticeships and traineeships. That means students interested in pursuing a career in trade-related industries such as engineering, mining, energy, manufacturing, building and construction, and warehousing.

Should head to MIGAS Jobs Board to find a current opening in your region and apply! If you don't see a current vacancy that appeals to you, register with MIGAS to receive our latest job alerts . MIGAS specialises in skilled and traditional trade apprenticeships and traineeships. That means we are always looking for people interested in pursuing a career in trade related industries such as:

- Diesel Fitting Apprenticeships
- Heavy Vehicle Mechanic Apprenticeships
- Light Vehicle Mechanic Apprenticeships
- Panel Beating Apprenticeships
- Business Administration Traineeships
- Cabinet Making Apprenticeships
- Carpentry Apprenticeships
- Civil Construction Apprenticeships
- Painting Apprenticeships
- Plastering Apprenticeships
- Plumbing Apprenticeships
- Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Apprenticeships
- Electrician Apprenticeships
- Electrical Fitting Apprenticeships
- Electrical Instrumentation Apprenticeships .

To enquire about a role or other currently advertised positions, please phone recruitment on 1300 464 427. See:

<https://www.migas.com.au/apprenticeships/>

AFL SportsReady Jobs Board and Traineeships

<https://aflsportsready.com.au/jobs-board/>

traineeships here:

<https://aflsportsready.com.au/traineeships/>

First Nations Cadetship

<https://aflsportsready.com.au/cadetship/>

Glass and Glazing Apprenticeships Available for prospective school leavers

A Glass and Glazing Apprenticeship is the start to an amazing career in the Glass and Window Industry Glaziers install glass in windows, skylights, store fronts, and display cases, or on surfaces, such as building fronts, interior walls, ceilings, and tabletops in residential and commercial constructions. The industry can help in various locations. If you are interested,

inform Ms Arfanis and send your resume to:
melissa.baker@agwa.com.au

A Wide Range of Apprenticeship Videos are available to learn more about apprenticeships. See:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/AAPathways/videos>

If you are aware of any employers keen to employ an apprentice or trainee, please inform Ms Arfanis of their details.

See Year 10 Careers Google Classroom for updated SBAT and apprenticeship/traineeship opportunities.

SBAT Contenders

The following students are planning to undertake an SBAT while completing their HSC:

- Kyren B
- Muhammad E
- Bilal K
- Kiahna K
- Jack M
- Jackson M
- Ahmad N
- Chloe S.



Kiahna K

Ms Arfanis wishes each of the above students success in undertaking their respective school based traineeship or apprenticeship. These students will typically go to school three days a week, work in paid employment one day a week and go to TAFE to undertake a Certificate 3 qualification one day a week, whilst still undertaking Years 11 and 12.

Any other students wishing to undertake an SBAT in 2022 should contact the GRC Oatley Careers Advisor for more information, next year.

Apprenticeships, Traineeships and Full Time Employment

GRC congratulate three young men, Michael K Donald L and Jordan M who were successful in gaining employment as an apprentice, with local employers as a result of their apprenticeship trials under the guise of work experience.



Michael K

GRC also wish a successful result to other students who wish to find gainful employment in the near future such as Marcus C, Kane C, Aimee D, Ali H, Eluzhon H, Elissa M, Benjamin P, Ryan S and Georgios T.

Green Options Pty Ltd

A huge congratulations to a local resident apprentice, Matthew Campagna, for winning Apprentice of the year at The Landscape Association Excellence Awards 2021. Green Options couldn't think of a more deserving award for your efforts. Well done Matt! If you're interested in learning more about a landscaping apprenticeship contact Green Options. More information see:

<https://greenoptions.com.au/blog/green-options-wins-gold-at-the-2021-the-landscape-awards-ceremony>

Alternative Study Options for 2022

GRC wish a successful result to Sam K, Chloe M and Iverson W, who are students who wish to undertake future studies at TAFE rather than going onto senior studies at GRC, Oatley, in 2022.

White Card Training to be held Term 4, Week 11 on 14th December and 15th December

A white card (or general construction induction card) is a mandatory requirement for workers who want to carry out construction work.

The white card provides people entering the construction industry with a basic knowledge of requirements under Workplace Health Safety laws, the common hazards and risks likely to be encountered on construction sites and how these risks should be controlled.

The white card becomes void if you haven't attended a construction site for two consecutive years or more.



Trainer from Anet Training

The scheduled White Card Training was on hold due to Covid-19. However, those who have paid the cost of \$100 were advised of the rescheduled time, to either 14th December and 15th December. The Year 9 and 10 students attending on the Tuesday, 14/12/21 include

Angie C, Zac C, Luka D, Muhammad E, Ahmed K, Azariah M, Hussein O, Alexander P, Tayla P, Jayson S and Ricardo S.

The Year 9 and 10 students attending on the Wednesday, 15/12/21 include Charlie A, Cameron A, Adam K, Jacob M, Jhonattan V, Marxus P, Tahir P, Thomas S, Dre T, Liam T, Mark T and Sasha Z.

If students aged 14 years and over who are interested in undertaking this course, they need to inform Ms Arfanis. Each student interested in undertaking their White Card Training will need to create a Unique Student Identifier number known as a USI before commencement. See Ms Arfanis for a permission note.

VETiS

Our Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses delivered at GRC, Peakhurst introduced students to Retail Services in 2020 and Business Services in 2021. The students undertaking achieved Certificate 1 qualification if and when they became competent in units of study. The program is an important part of what we do at GRC, Peakhurst, and our VETiS students have again demonstrated their skills and dedication to learning, over the past two years.

Work Experience program

While the Year 10 cohort of students are encouraged to attend work experience throughout the year, if they so wish, unfortunately due to the Covid-19 restrictions, work experience was not permitted throughout Terms 3 and 4 of 2021.

Macquarie University Gifted and Talented pathway Applications

Macquarie's Gifted and Talented Pathway are now open to high-achieving students who have finished year 10 and have the capacity to take on extra-curricular study. As part of this pathway, students will study university units alongside their school subjects. Students could be eligible for an early offer (before STARTING Year 12) to a Macquarie degree. Learn about

Macquarie University - Gifted and talented entry program (mq.edu.au)

Macquarie University – December 2021 Bookings for Campus Tours

You can never truly know if a university is right for you until you visit in person and get a feel for the campus. One of the MU current students will show you around our sprawling campus. Ask your questions while you walk, or for a more in-depth discussion, you can chat to your guide over a coffee at the completion of the tour. The tour provides a general overview of our campus and will highlight key areas of interest. We can't wait to show you around. The tour will take around 1.5 hours. On every tour you'll see:

- our various lecture theatres
- our award-winning library (subject to capacity)
- our new learning and teaching spaces in 1 Central Courtyard
- our flexible and creative study spaces
- January, February and March dates to follow. Go to:

<https://page.mq.edu.au/campus-tours.html>

How do you REALLY get accepted to the Ivy League?

Saturday 4 December. 12:00PM - Discover the Secrets to Gaining Admission to the World's Top Universities. Join Harvard, Stanford and Oxford grad, and Crimson CEO, Jamie Beaton, for a sneak peek into his new book. Jamie Beaton has written the book on how to 'get in' to the world's top universities. After being admitted to 25 of the world's best universities, Jamie Beaton completed a Harvard, Stanford and Oxford degree by the time he was 26! Go to:

<https://www.crimsoneducation.org/au/campaign/accepted-jamie-beaton/>

Should you study abroad? Australia Vs US/UK

11 December at 1pm - In the modern world it may feel like studying abroad is a difficult task. With Crimson, Australian students are doing it every year! Our FREE webinar will cover the good and bad of studying at universities abroad as well as offering exclusive insights into how it can be done. Whether you're looking to study overseas or you haven't decided yet, we highly recommend you attend this webinar to see how studying overseas in the US/UK compares to Australia in 2021. More information, go to:

<https://www.crimsoneducation.org/au/campaign/breakdown-studying-in-au-vs-us-uk/>

Careers at Council

Local government is a great place to work if you want to contribute to your community, work close to home or develop a career path that can lead to job opportunities in any one of 537 councils across Australia. Start a portable career in local government. Local government offers a huge range of jobs and career paths in professional, trades and administrative roles. Most of the 128 councils in NSW employ trainees and apprentices.

Check out the entry level job opportunities on Careers at Council:

<https://www.careersatcouncil.com.au/entry-level-opportunities>

Find out more by visiting Careers at Council:

<https://www.careersatcouncil.com.au/>

Dress for Success

A job readiness course was undertaken by several students who learnt about resume writing and job interview skills and the importance of impressions at a job interview and how to better conduct themselves to win an employer over. A huge thank you to Dress for Success Sydney who delivered the course for free, over 2 days, valued at \$1000.



Job Readiness Course

Similarly a job readiness course was undertaken by several students who learnt about resume writing and job interview skills to upskill students and support students in getting their first job. [A huge thank you to Project Youth who delivered the course for free, over 8 sessions during Terms 3 and 4.](#)



Brent Street Summer Camp

On 10 to 14 and 17 to 21 January 2022, an excellent line up is in store and we're excited to welcome dancers from across the country to Brent Street for the best Summer dance experience! Each day commences at 9:30am (9am arrival on Day 1 of each week) and finishes at 3:30pm (we close at 4pm). Each day contains 5x 1-hour classes with an industry-leading dance teacher/choreographer; full timetable is released closer to the day. Throughout the intensive, teachers will be on the look out for hardworking and fierce dancers to win a scholarship to the 2022 Autumn Intensive, so be ready to break a sweat!

This program is suitable for 7 – 18-year-old students of intermediate to advanced level. Of course, if you're outside of the age range but ready to give it a go, you're more than welcome. More information at:

<https://brentstreet.com.au/workshop/summer-camp/>

AIE Film Careers Night

On 14 December at 6pm. Address: 33 Mountain St, Ultimo, NSW

Discover the courses in Filmmaking and Virtual Production at AIE's Film Career Day on Tue 14 December 2021. AIE Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra will be opening it's doors to future

filmmakers eager to find out about courses in 2022. This event will include presentations on career pathways, curriculum, equipment and entry requirements. AIE teachers will be available to speak with you one on one about our courses and how we can help you get your filmmaking career started. More information at:

https://aie.edu.au/aie_event/film-careers-night/

RSA Courses

RSA Courses available on 11 December. Any questions, please contact Ph:9314 6213 or more information: enquiries@kenvale.edu.au For registration and more info, visit:

<https://kenvale.edu.au/>

<https://kenvale.edu.au/event-directory/>

William Angliss Institute Experience Day

On 19 January 2022 from 10am to 2pm. The day will be packed with workshops run by highly experienced trainers providing students with hands on experiences in Cookery, Patisserie, Barista and Mocktail making, and is FREE of charge. Available to students in Year 10 . Please express your interest at melanie.makornphan@angliss.edu.au or call (02) 9125 5179.

Productivity Bootcamp Construction Program

Runs for 8 weeks, for 16 to 25 year olds; Applications for Productivity Bootcamp 2022 are now open for all our sites - Penrith/Quakers Hill, Campbelltown and Nowra! Call 0419 511 565 or email info@productivitybootcamp.com.au to register!

The Santos Science Experience

Apply by 7 March 2022; The Santos Science Experience is a fun 3 or 4 days of science activities for Year 9 and 10 students. Each program is designed to provide students who have an interest in science with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of fascinating science activities under the guidance of scientists who love their work. The program takes place in over thirty-five universities and tertiary institutions, within many different laboratories and lecture theatres. Participants perform experiments in the laboratories, meet and hear senior lecturers in the lecture theatres, attend site visits and walk around and experience what it is like to be on the campus of a university or tertiary institution. More than 81,000 students have taken this rare opportunity, up to date. Go to:

<https://www.scienceexperience.com.au/programs/apply>

Locations:

<https://www.scienceexperience.com.au/when-where>

At the Museum - School Holidays

Our interactive workshops make learning about science and culture lots of fun for up to 16 year olds. There is something for everyone at the Australian Museum these January School Holidays! Play scientist for a day and explore the Australian Museum's amazing fossil collections. Recreate ancient creatures and lost worlds in a Palaeo-art workshop or learn how to capture nature's best angles in a photography workshop.

Book soon and have a roaring good time these school holidays. Go to:

<https://australian.museum/event/school-holidays/>

The Future Leaders Writing Prize

Closes 1 May 2022; The Future Leaders Writing Prize is designed to recognise and reward talented young writers. It aims to encourage expressive and creative writing. Year 11 and 12 students in Australian secondary schools are invited to submit a piece of writing (800 to 1,000 words). The writing can be fiction or non-fiction and on any topic. PRIZE In 2022, the award winner will receive \$1,000. Where there is more than one winner the prize money will be shared. The winners of the Future Leaders Writing Prize will have their work published. Please send all submissions electronically in a word document by 1 May 2022 to helen@futureleaders.com.au

http://www.futureleaders.com.au/awards/Writing_Prize_2022.pdf

9 tips for choosing the right professional referees

Referees are key to job search success. In a competitive job market adversely impacted by COVID-19, it pays to ensure the referees you're putting forward are the most appropriate for the job you are applying for. Be strategic when putting forward someone to speak about your work, achievements, skills, and cultural fit for the job you are in the running for. Here are just a few tips that may help. Go to:

https://www.australiancareersservice.com.au/industry-news/9-tips-for-choosing-the-right-professional-referees?utm_source=ACS+Members+Mailing+List+%28All+emails%29&utm_campaign=59a1bd8f82-ACS_Newsletter_January_20_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1ec9b0522b-59a1bd8f82-122934277&goal=0_1ec9b0522b-59a1bd8f82-122934277&mc_cid=59a1bd8f82&mc_eid=853cf5abd8

Top 5 motivation boosters

Do you have a PhD in Procrastination? We all struggle to get stuff done sometimes, but all it takes is 5 mins to get some motivation back. Our top 5 motivation tips will help you smash your goals and get back on track Go to:

https://au.reachout.com/articles/top-5-motivation-boosters?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTWpkaU1qazVNRE16WkRRMyIsInQiOiJlJlRUVcL3ZraUFOSIRqZ0dUOWs1bHFcL2hETm1OVGhpaHRKYzJiNkZyUEpBdEt3ajRtS2xjRnFFclwvFwvQjRBWjFVOWtWdHAXeUM3RnBjJXNLOThBVGp1M0RNdll2bmtEbnQifQ%3D%3D

5 apps to help you study at home

Exams. It's a word that'll get most people's stomachs sinking and hearts fluttering. Exam anxiety can be really tough to tackle and it can affect anyone – from the most super-conscientious student to the last-minute crammer. While it's a tough ask to eliminate exam stress completely, there are some study apps that can help make it all a little more manageable. Here are the best study apps to get you on the right track. Go to:

https://au.reachout.com/articles/5-apps-to-help-you-study-at-home?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTWpkaU1qazVNRE16WkRRMyIsInQiOiJlJlRUVcL3ZraUFOSIRqZ0dUOWs1bHFcL2hETm1OVGhpaHRKYzJiNkZyUEpBdEt3ajRtS2xjRnFFclwvFwvQjRBWjFVOWtWdHAXeUM3RnBjJXNLOThBVGp1M0RNdll2bmtEbnQifQ%3D%3D

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Toni Arfanis
Careers Advisor

ADMINISTRATION

Lost Property

There is a considerable amount of items in lost property, in particular uniform items without names on them. There are also numerous non-school uniform items handed in after school activities eg: Sports/Swimming Carnivals, various camps & excursions. Should your child be missing an item of their school uniform or something else they've brought to school, please remind them to come to the front office to check lost property. Due to the volume of lost property on hand, any items left at the end of the year will be moved on.

School Fees

School fees and most school activities can conveniently be paid online by clicking the link in your recent emailed Statement of Account. Alternatively, you can also make a payment via the school website by selecting [\\$ Make a Payment](#). Please make sure when making a payment via this method to enter:

- The student's name
- Class and reference number

or

- The student's name and date of birth

Carmel O'Shea
School Administrative Manager

Wellbeing Team Report

Georges River College Peakhurst Campus is committed to the wellbeing of all students in the school by providing a positive and nurturing learning environment where all students are valued. Student wellbeing underpins all teaching and learning programs in an atmosphere of care and concern. Georges River College Peakhurst Campus not only caters for the academic needs of the child but ensures that its students are given a diverse curriculum and a breadth of extra-curricular opportunities to meet the social and emotional needs of young people. It is our focus to equip students with the important life skills they need to be leaders and responsible participants in a rapidly changing world.

As Term 4 wraps up, we would like to thank Generate and the 3 Bridges Community as well as Project Youth and our other external wellbeing providers who have continued to support GRC Peakhurst Wellbeing Programs and initiatives throughout 2021.

Peer Support

On Friday 3rd December, 70 Year 9 students participated in the Peer Support training day. This day is essential in preparing all our potential leaders to run the Peer Support Program for the Year 7's of 2022. On this day, students learnt many things, including; a series of icebreakers, name games and lessons on Peak Learning. They also learnt how to teach a series of lessons.

The consensus from students was that they realised Peer Support wouldn't just be about hanging out with a bunch of Year 7's, but making them feel welcome, safe and happy in their new environment. Throughout the day, it was fantastic to see students build on their communication and team work skills. students demonstrated excellent skills in leadership, were responsible and respectful and came up with new initiatives for team building exercises. They will be a true asset to have as leaders for our new Year 7 cohort.

I would like to thank Ms Haidar and Mrs Vlachos for all their help on the day.



PBL

As part of the PEAK Learning (Positive Expectations and Knowledge) initiative, all students are invited to place merit cards that they have received for being respectful, responsible and aiming for excellence in a twice a term rewards draw for a Westfield gift voucher to the value of \$20. Congratulations to all of the students who were successful in the first draw of Term 4 and have each received a \$20 gift card.

Congratulations to all of those students who participated and won prizes from the competitions held online throughout our learning from home period. It was great to see so many students get involved.



The final merit draw for the year be take place in Week 11.

Donated Food Goods

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Woolworths at Hurstville and Ms A. Kapadia for organising the donation and large delivery of food goods for our students. This has been an invaluable resource for our school and has indeed assisted many students throughout Term 4.



We are also greatly appreciative of the covid support that 3 Bridges have been able to supply to our school throughout Term 4. Their support within our school community has played a vital role in positive wellbeing of our students and families.

Parenting Ideas

Georges River College Peakhurst Campus has a subscription to 'Parenting Ideas', which includes fantastic articles and webinars on a range of important issues and topics related to parenting. In every school newsletter, I will endeavour to include some articles for you to read and some of those articles have links attached to a webinar. As we are a subscribing school, for our parents, most of those webinars will incur no cost, so be sure to check them out!

This month, I have included 3 'Parenting Ideas' articles (see below) covering the following areas:

- Screen Time Habits for Good Eye Health
- Parent Self Care Matters
- Respond Honestly to Dishonesty

School Uniforms

To our outgoing Year 10 students, if you are not passing down your second hand uniforms, we could make good use of them at school. Please drop off any donations to the front office.

The Wellbeing Team would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday period and are looking forward to continue working with students and parents in 2022.

Michelle Seidel
Relieving Head Teacher Wellbeing